



Fact Sheet

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STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Program Information:

The primary purpose of the VAWA program is to support a multifaceted approach to responding to violence against women through implementation of grant programs. By forging partnerships among police, prosecutors, judges, victim advocates, health care providers, faith leaders and others, GOCCP grants help provide victims with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while improving communities' capacity to hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was reauthorized and amended the STOP VAWA Formula Grant Program (CFDA# 16.588). The program statutorily requires the allocation of 25% to law enforcement, 25% to prosecution, 30% to nonprofit, non-governmental victim services, 15% may be allocated at the State's discretion, and 5% to courts. Furthermore, per the VAWA 2005 Reauthorization changes, linguistically and culturally specific community-based organizations must receive an allotment of 10% of the victim service allocation. Finally, Under VAWA 2013, 20% of the total funds allocated across two or more allocations (excluding discretionary) must meaningfully address sexual assault, including stranger rape, acquaintance rape, alcohol or drug-facilitated rape, and rape within the context of an intimate partner relationship.

Eligibility:

- State Government Agencies
- State and Local Courts
- Local Government Agencies Non-Profit, Non-Governmental Victim Services Programs including Faith-Based and Community Organizations
- State Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Coalitions

Match: By statute, a sub-award made under the STOP Formula Grant Program may not cover more than 75% of the total costs of the project(s) funded.

Note: All funding is contingent upon the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention receiving the specified grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

Supported Programs:

Forensic Nurse Examiner

Lethality Assessment

Bilingual Crisis Advocate

Protection Order Advocacy
and Representation Project

Special Victims' Advocate

Domestic Violence and
Sexual Assault Services

Court Advocate

Sexual Assault Victims'
Services

Multidisciplinary Response
to Sexual Assault

Trauma-Informed
Counseling

Important Dates for VAWA Grants

March NOFA posting

Ongoing Technical Assistance Training Video

April Electronic applications due

April Hard copy applications due

September Award Documents/Denial Letters Mailed
October 1 Program Start Date

To learn more about the STOP VAWA Formula Grant Program, please contact T. (Latonya) Eaddy at leaddy@goccp.state.md.us or 410.821.2850.